



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

Date: October 8, 2014

Subject: Tire Recycling Agreement

The purpose of this item is to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for City Council to authorize award and execution of a 10-month service agreement through the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Cooperative Purchasing Program (State of Texas Co-op) with **Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC** for removal and proper recycling of scrap tires in an amount not to exceed \$164,947, with two (2) 12-month extension options in amounts not to exceed \$164,947 additional per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$494,841.

Purpose and Background

This contract will allow the Fleet Services and Aviation Departments to continue to remove and properly recycle city-owned scrap tires from the city's Tire Shop and Aviation Fleet Service Center. ARR will use this contract to recycle tires received from Austin residents during curbside collection activities and those dropped off at the Resource Recovery Center (RRC) at 3810 Todd Lane. The tires collected through this contract will be diverted from landfills to help the city to meet its Zero Waste goals.

Liberty Tire Recycling is registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as a transporter, scrap tire facility, storage facility and processor. Contracting with this firm ensures that the city's scrap tires go directly to the final recycler and are recycled in a lawful and environmentally friendly manner. Liberty Tire Recycling shreds and grinds scrap tires into clean, recycled rubber of various sizes to incorporate into advanced rubber-based products, such as artificial sports fields and tracks, rubber mulch, road asphalt, railroad ties and auto parts. This vendor has committed to ensuring that no less than 99% of the scrap tire material will be recycled in a manner that avoids any type of incineration, including for tire derived fuel.

Contract Timeline

September 26th – Bids Received
October 8th – ZWAC Recommendation
November 6th – City Council Date

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council authorization for award and execution of a 10-month service agreement through the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Cooperative Purchasing Program (State of Texas Co-op) with **Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC** for removal and proper recycling of scrap tires in an amount not to exceed \$164,947, with two (2) 12-month extension options in amounts not to exceed \$164,947 additional per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$494,841.